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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 19, 2003 and further to the Notice of Appeal filed November 18, 2003 (postcard date stamped November 20, 2003), kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 6, 2004

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 3517-45.

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figure 3 as shown in red in the attached copy thereof. No new matter has been added.